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REQUEST FOR AN INTERFERENCE
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Sir:

Applicants request an Interference Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 between the above-identified application and U.S. Patent No. 5,824,729, issued October 20, 1998, and U.S. Patent No. 6,090,879, issued July 18, 2000. The information required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a) is set forth below under headings which correspond to the subsections of § 1.607 to facilitate consideration by the Examiner.

(1) IDENTIFICATION OF THE PATENTS WHICH INCLUDE SUBJECT
MATTER WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE APPLICATION

The patents which include subject matter which interferes with subject matter claimed in the above-identified application ("the Amarasekera Application") are (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,824,729 ("the '729 Patent"), issued on October 20, 1998, to Takao Matsushita and Osamu Takuman for a "Silicone Rubber Composition" and (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,090,879 ("the '879 Patent"), issued July 18, 2000, to Osamu Takuman and Takao Matsushita for a "Silicone Rubber Composition for Application as Electrical Insulation." The '729 Patent issued from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 790,782, filed January 30, 1997, and purports to be entitled to the benefit of Japanese Application No. 8-037457, filed January 30, 1996. The '879 Patent issued from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/862,045, filed May 22, 1997, and purports